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FOR: CRYSTALLINE BETA-LACTAM INTERMEDIATE

Commissioner for Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed February 6, 2002 and June 10, 2003 and is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

A petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$180 for payment of the fee required by 37 CFR §1.17(p) for the submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

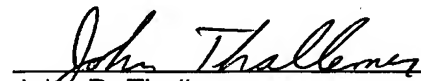
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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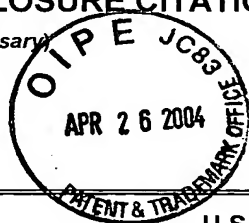
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